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## Committee Files Request for Ratepayer Relief from PacifiCorp

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH - The Utah Committee of Consumer Services (Committee) requested the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) today to order PacifiCorp to return money which PacifiCorp has wrongfully collected in rates from Utah ratepayers.

A 2003-2004 U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) investigative audit early determined that PacifiCorp wrongfully transferred at least $225.7 million to its owner that was collected in rates to pay income tax costs.

The Committee estimates that over $50 million of these monies were taken from Utah ratepayers.
 "Utah's share of those monies need to be returned to Utah ratepayers from whom they were wrongfully taken," argued Committee Chair Dee Jay Hammon.

The Committee believes that those monies went to pay or subsidize the costs incurred by ScottishPower to acquire PacifiCorp. "To the extent that happened, it violated the condition the Utah Commission placed upon its approval of the 1999 ScottishPower/PacifiCorp merger that no merger-related costs are to be allowed in rates," said Committee Director Leslie Reberg.

The Committee, a Utah state governmental agency having the statutory responsibility of representing and defending the interests of residential consumers and those engaged in small commercial enterprises in the state of Utah with respect to utility rates and other utility regulatory matters, will continue its investigation of this serious matter.

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